

REMARKS

Claims 3-10 have been previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the European Patent Application No. 0 421 652 A2 to Uyar (hereafter "Uyar").

Claim 3 has been amended to point out that the communication systems are "connected to a first and second gateway." In contrast, Uyar does not disclose or teach the connection of communication systems through one gateway system, let alone two gateway systems, as in claim 3 and its dependent claims.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 3-10.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John E. Curtin at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

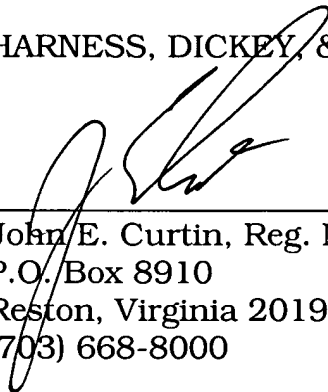
In the event this Response does not place the present application in condition for allowance, applicant requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (703) 668-8000 to schedule a personal interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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